



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Crater et al. )  
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Serial No: 09/436,368 ) Group Art Unit: 2154  
Title: Distributed Interface Architecture for ) Examiner: Vu, Viet Duy  
Programmable Industrial Control Systems )  
Atty. Docket No.: CTC-0002 )

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 22, 2004, applicants elect without traverse prosecution of the Examiner's asserted Group I claims which include 1-17, 56-69, and 126-128.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

For the above mentioned application, enclosed please find a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time; a Response to Restriction Requirement; and a return post card.

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